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The total coinage executed at the mints of the United States during October was \$3,872,220.

SENATE wants to borrow \$20,000,000. Here's a chance for a little American idle capital to get a life job.

It is said that the United States Steel Corporation pays dividends to 69,953 persons and wages to 28,000.

The Canadian Pacific railway sold last year from its subsidy land nearly 2,000,000 acres, at a price averaging something less than \$4 an acre.

WITHIN a year more than 2,000 skilled workmen have left the French silk factories of Roubaix and Turreco for the United States.

The amount paid in pensions since the civil war is \$3,134,271,548. The total income of all American farmers last year was about \$5,500,000,000.

At Washington five women are still drawing pensions as widows of men who served in the war of the revolution, which ended 120 years ago.

OVER 27,000 immigrants have returned from this country to their native shores during the last six weeks because of an inability to find employment.

Half of the ground known at the time of the Chicago exhibition as the Midway Plaisance is to be made the site of the greatest medical school in the world.

The manufacture of toys in Germany gives employment to fully 50,000 people. The total value of the annual exports amounts to \$15,169,386.

In the Arctic regions, when the thermometer is below zero, persons can converse more than a mile distant. Dr. Jamieson said that he heard every word of a sermon at the distance of two miles.

By an English law, passed in 1205, it was provided that a silver penny, called a sterling, should equal in weight thirty-two wheat grains, well dried, and taken from the center of the ear. This is the origin of our grain weight.

SEATTLE car service has been inaugurated on the electric lines between Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind. The cars are complete sleepers, and are equipped with 600 horsepower motors.

Or the alphabet; the letters most used out of every thousand letters formed into words in daily use are first the letter e, which takes the lead, occurring 127 times; the next t, running 88; o, 76; s, 75; r, 70; n, 66; h, 65; a, 64; and i, 40.

SCHOOL-DAYS are the spring time of life; a season of sowing. It is then that the seeds of character and future usefulness are sown; seeds that spring up either to our honor and advancement or to our degradation.

Five hundred thousand factories in the United States add \$560,000,000 in value to \$3,000,000,000 of raw material, and their net output, exclusive of duplication, is more than \$8,000,000,000.

NEW YORKERS are in a rush to sell their right ears for \$3,000 spot cash in answer to a doctor's advertisement. There are lots of those articles that might be spared to the advantage of many who are overstocked with that commodity.

The cost of target practice in the navy has now reached the enormous sum of \$1,366,000, and when all vessels now building are completed, it will be about \$2,750,000, exclusive of targets.

A WARNING TO DEMOCRATS.

The result of the recent election in the immediate Southwest should be a warning to the Democrats. Over confidence, and the fact that there were so many county officers running on the same ticket, was responsible in a large measure for the defeat of Hon. R. T. Irvine. The District is Democratic, and Democrats should not feel discouraged. Hon. H. S. Kane, of Scott County, several years ago, defeated one of the most popular Republicans in the Southwest, in a very exciting race for the Senate, so the result in this election is no criterion upon which to base an opinion. The result, however, should serve to arouse the Democrats to organization. The "milk sops" in the party have abused without any earthly cause Senator Thomas S. Martin. They have characterized him as a trickster, and ringster and applied other abusive epithets to him, all of which are false and here and now we challenge them to the proof. We well recall some years ago, in a mass meeting at Wise C. H., Senator Martin was characterized as a schemer and trickster. The man who made the charge probably did not know the meaning of the word, but had heard it at some cheap John circus, and thought a trickster was the clown in the performance, and that Senator Martin at some time in his life performed tricks in the circus. It is about on a par with all the bold assertions of A. J. Montague and his crowd of party disorganizers. We know of men, tried and true workers, who have been driven into retirement, or the Republican party as a result of Mr. Montague's animadversions. Senator Martin believes in organization, and is a strict party man. He has no favors to bestow on the Republicans, and asks no quarter of them, and moreover he has his past record at his finger's ends, and knows that were they to get control of the State, the work of years would be destroyed; the public free schools crippled; negro policemen and negro judges would throw the old State backward fifty years, and her onward march be checked. But to speak with all this rot about Democratic tricksters.

If party zeal and party work is a cause for party ostracism, and those Roman Albanians who view the battle from afar, without the courage or nerve to measure lances in the thick of the fray, are to step in after the battle is won, and reap the rewards of victory, then the party is doomed. For our part we have our time fully occupied in exposing the misdeeds of the Republicans, and have no time nor inclination to abuse Democrats for too much zeal in the cause. The deplorable affair at Fairview is an example of the lengths to which the Republicans will go. A more damnable, cowardly conspiracy to commit murder was never hatched. The tools of these incendiary orators who preached bloodshed all over Scott County should be punished, but it should not stop there. The leaders should be indicted for the conspiracy, and taught that the methods whereby they made way with Groebel, are not, and never will be, tolerated in the County of Scott. If it is a fact that Republican voters went through the county teaching incendiary and bloodshed, they should be yanked before the court and made to answer. The judges should be forewarned and take no chances. The county judge should see that in future enough armed men are present to carry out the election according to law, and not as a band of marauding Republicans would have it. The law should be vindicated, and an example made of these assassins, their fellow conspirators, and accessories, before and after the fact, that will be a lesson to the evil doers of that county to the end of time.

IRVINE-GOINS.

Well, two of the trust fell in the fight. From the foundation of the world heroes have sacrificed themselves for the good of their country. In order to make a bold and vigorous fight it was necessary to present a bold front with solid columns. In this county there was no Democrat who wanted to run for Commonwealth's Attorney. The breach had to be filled. Goins stepped forward and filled it. It was necessary for the success of the tickets in the several counties in this Senatorial district to have out a candidate for State Senator. It was thought until the verge of the election that Senator Bruce would stand for re-election. He declined to do so until the eve of the election. The breach had to be filled. Through the strong appeals of Democrats throughout the district R. Tate Irvine came to the front, believing and stating when he did so that he was making a sacrifice of

himself, but that if his defeat would save the county tickets, then come welcome defeat.

These two heroes went down in the fight, but the Democratic party has won the grandest victory in this election that has been won in the mountains in years past, and has knocked a hole in the Republican party that will not heal up in the next century. These sacrifices have sometimes to be made, and no two Democrats in Lee, Scott or Wise are more willing to make them than R. T. Irvine and A. M. Goins, if by so doing they can win for Democracy. So to the Democrats, we say, rejoice and be merry. Every man stand in line. Irvine and Goins are more popular and influential in defeat than Noel and Ely in victory. They are still doing business at the old stand and will ever remain true to friends and country, and Irvine is now many votes stronger for Congress the next race in the 9th Congressional district than he was before he made this sacrifice.—Jonesville Virginian.

WEALTH OF FLAT TOP REGION. Great Mining Interests of the Pocahontas Fields. Prior to 1882 not a ton of coal had been shipped from the Pocahontas Flat Top field. In 1883 the coal shipments amounted to 60,028 tons. The shipments in 1902 were 4,655,201 tons. In 1883 there was but one coal mine in the field. At the end of 1902 there were forty-seven mines being worked and coal will be mined from fifty by the end of this year. These figures give an idea of the development taking place in Southwest Virginia. It is doubtful if money is being invested so heavily or made more rapidly in any other section of the United States, says the Charleston (W. Va.) correspondent of the New York Herald. The poor man of a few years ago, who bought a small tract of mountain land along the Bluestone or the Clinch or the Elk-horn, is a millionaire today. The coal deposits of this field have scarcely been touched. The Norfolk and Western main line from Radford to Kenova pierces the field its entire length—"splits it wide open," as a railroad man expressed it. Innumerable branch lines stem, and along these coal operations and lumber camps are found in profusion. But there are still many thousands of acres, immense territories, rich in coal deposits, and covered with virgin forest of oak and pine, which cannot be developed until the iron horse comes to man's help and aids him in getting the lumber and minerals to market. Men familiar with the subject say there is probably nowhere in the world such a great field for railroad development. There is no water transportation possible in the Flat Top field, and the Norfolk and Western is the only railway which has yet entered it. How long it will be before there is a competing line in the region is a question the operators and coal land owners are asking.

Coal Seams Seen From Cars. The Pocahontas Flat Top field is entered from the east at Graham, on the Bluestone River, or a few miles beyond. A short distance west of Graham one sees from the car window indications of coal in the hills. The dirt thrown out of the cuts is apparently only fine coal—slack, the miners call it. A few miles further on and the coal seams are visible in the

sides of the cuts and on the mountains, where rain has exposed them to view. By the time Pocahontas is reached, ten miles from Graham, one is used to the coal sign. But it is not until one goes up the valley above the town, a quarter or half a mile, that the immensity of the deposits is realized. Near one of the tipples of the Pocahontas Collieries Company, which operates mines at Pocahontas, can be counted what seem to be five veins of coal exposed on the mountain side, ranging from four to ten or eleven feet in thickness. This valley is one of the busiest spots in this country. It is not more than a quarter of a mile wide at any point, and a scant mile in length. Half the space at the lower end is taken up by immense coke ovens. A network of railway tracks takes the rest, and the pedestrian takes what he can find. Railway tracks run along on top of the ovens, and from the cars the coal is run down into the furnaces to be converted into coke. The coal deposits in the Flat Top field are regarded as practically inexhaustible. At Pocahontas, for instance, there are fine workable veins, one above the other. The No. 3 vein, which is now being worked, is nine to fourteen feet in thickness. It is estimated that at the present rate of progress it will be 150 years before this vein is worked out.

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When you can't eat breakfast, take Scott's Emulsion. When you can't eat bread and butter, take Scott's Emulsion. When you have been living on a milk diet and want something a little more nourishing, take Scott's Emulsion.

To get fat you must eat fat. Scott's Emulsion is a great fattener, a great strength giver.

Those who have lost flesh want to increase all body tissues, not only fat. Scott's Emulsion increases them all, bone, flesh, blood and nerve.

For invalids, for convalescents, for consumptives, for weak children, for all who need flesh, Scott's Emulsion is a rich and comfortable food, and a natural tonic.

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We will send you a free sample. Be sure that this picture in the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy. SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c and \$1.00 all druggists.

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Opening New Mines. New mines are being opened up all the time. The Tug River country, on the west of Pocahontas, on the West Virginia side, is just being opened up and is one of the richest sections yet touched. A branch of the Norfolk and Western extends up the river from Welch, about ten miles to Sand Lick, in McDowell county, W. Va., where the United States Steel Company has 6,000 men at work. As yet they have only been preparing to open the mines. When development along the Tug is in full blast that valley will be one of the busiest in this country.

Colonel J. S. Browning owns an extensive mine at Pocahontas abutting on the property of the Pocahontas Collieries Company. He opened the mine but a few years ago, but its operation has made him a fortune. Col. Browning also owns several farms in Abbe's Valley, just over a small mountain from the mines, and his farming operations are almost as remunerative as his coal mining.

INTERESTING VIEWS OF WHERE THE MULLINS FAMILY WERE MURDERED. FREDERICK, VA., NOV. 17. Editor Post: Dear Sir:—I send you under separate cover some views of Pound Gap a notch in the Cumberland Mountains between Wise County, Va., on one side and Letcher County, Ky., on the other side, which has something of a history. The pictures are intended to show where the Mullins family were murdered in 1891. Ira Mullins, his wife and son, Wilson Mullins and wife, John Chapel and a young man by the name of Harris, were crossing the mountains in a wagon, when they were fired upon by M. B. Taylor, Cal and Henson Fleming, all were killed except Wilson Mullins' wife and the son of Ira Mullins, and for which Taylor was executed at Wise C. H. in 1893.

Pound Gap shows where the crossing is and where the Mullins took dinner a short time before they were killed. A blind tiger is shown to the left. The picture of the wagon in the road shows where the wagon was when the victims were fired upon. Taylor's Rock, from the road, shows the rock from which the shots came. Taylor's Rock, from the road, shows the position of the rock from which the killing was done. The gun is pointed in the direction of where the Mullins wagon stood when they were fired upon.

"Cloud Top" is a cliff on top of the mountain. It was upon this cliff that Taylor and the Flemings watched for the wagon to leave. Hick-horn Creek in Letcher County Ky. If you care to you can make mention of these views in the columns of the Post and say to all that the entire set will be sent postpaid on the receipt of only 50c and by so doing you will confer a great favor. I am, Very truly yours, FRANK M. BEVERLY.

THE LADIES' AID AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the Baptist Church will have a Bazaar in Goodloe Hall next Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday night, at which they will display a beautiful line of fancy work, pictures, etc., which they will offer for sale at a reasonable price. To any one desiring to make nice Christmas presents this is the place to purchase. Delicious refreshments will be served in the same building. Be sure and pay them a visit, even if you don't wish to buy. They will also take pleasure in taking your subscription for The Ladies' Home Journal. The proceeds will go towards improving the Baptist Church.

THE PULMAN car company is reported to have cleared \$13,000,000 this year. This does not include the sums exacted from the traveling public in the way of tips to the porters which amounts to so much gain for the company and which would swell the total very materially. The stockholders of the Pullman car company will have money to burn. We have no stock in that company, but we wish we had.

RECORDING, VA., NOV. 20.—The Railroad of Virginia will pay more than double the money into the State Treasury under the assessment just made by the Corporation Commission than they did under the assessment by the Board of Public Works. The total tax assessed for 1903 is \$588,901.99 as compared with \$256,840.07 in 1902, showing an increase of \$282,151.92. The figures were made public late tonight. They are to be certified to the counties and cities and appeals must be made first to the Circuit Court and then to the Supreme Court.

THE INCREASE.

These are the largest increases, the figures given being the taxes paid in 1892 and to be paid in 1903. Norfolk and Western from \$88,867.39 to \$200,703.29; Chesapeake and Ohio from \$59,654.21 to \$123,539.99; Southern from \$64,871.36 to \$97,746.08; Atlantic Coast Line from \$13,350.82 to \$15,083.82; Seaboard Air Line from \$4,987.40 to \$9,438.45; Seaboard and Roanoke from \$9,193.67 to \$14,542.02; N. Y. P. and N. from \$6,904.69 to \$15,555.93; Norfolk and Southern from \$3,137.84 to \$6,868.59; R. F. and D. from \$6,792 to \$13,162.71; Washington Southern from \$3,461.93 to \$8,949.56.

J. P. Robinson, who has been traveling very extensively in Southwest Virginia, and hails from Western North Carolina, is stopping at Dotson Hotel. He is pleased with our town and says there is a great future before it if the people will take hold of their opportunities now while the tide is rising. There are three railroads soon to be built into Southwest Virginia, to touch our great coal fields. The West Virginia Central and the C. & O. from the North and the Mt. Rogers and Eastern from the South. Mr. Robinson says if we will extend our line to them the future of Wise will be an assured fact.—Wise News.

Doesn't Respect Old Age. It's shameful when youth fails to show proper respect for old age, but just the contrary in the case of Dr. King's New Life Pills. They cut out maladies no matter how severe and irrespective of age. Dyspepsia, Jaundice, Fever, Constipation all yield to this perfect Pill. See, at Dr. J. W. Kelly's Drug Store.

FROM CRAB ORCHARD. Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post. CRAB ORCHARD, VA., NOV. 21.—I have news from a friend at Adams postoffice in the Pocket, that the L. & N. Railroad is having their branch railroad from Pennington Gap up through the gap of the mountains, pushed for all there is in it. They are building three tunnels. The contractors is having work continued day and night, and that the Pocket branch line is located and ready in be let to construct from the North Fork Creek up Straight Creek through the Pocket Valley, and the Black Mountain Coal and Coke Company is opening up all their fine veins of coal on their property. The branch railroad will be extended to mouth of Bailey's Trace at Adams postoffice, and the signs indicate that a coke plant will soon be commenced there. N. N.

FROM STONEGA.

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WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY LADY or gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for house of solid financial standing. \$20.00 straight cash salary and expenses, paid each Monday direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; position permanent. Address Manager, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago. Nov. 26-125

THE VANDERBILT ESTATE LEASED.

For Ten Years it will be Under Control of a Hunting Club. ASHEVILLE, N. C., NOV. 20.—The deal which has been pending for some time between George W. Vanderbilt and Edgar B. Moore, of Kenilworth, for the lease of the Baltimore estate, was completed today. With the exception of 1,000 acres immediately surrounding the Baltimore mansion, Mr. Moore will have control for ten years of an area of 125,000 acres. The tract of land will be converted into hunting preserves. A club of 100 members of wealthy circles, will be formed by Mr. Moore for the purpose of hunting and fishing on the estate. It is said that these preserves will be the best stocked in the country. Deer, bear, grouse, turkey and quail will abound in large quantities. A staff of rangers and guards will patrol the estate to prevent the encroachment of poachers. Mr. Moore stated tonight that the transfer of the hunting and fishing privilege has been under consideration for some time. Mr. Moore said tonight: "I am engaged in the formation of a hunting and fishing club. There will be a meeting of those who are to compose the membership within the next sixty days. The organization will be completed by January 1."

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3. Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. T. V. Shoemaker.
4. Hymn: Nearer My God to Thee.
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